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**RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

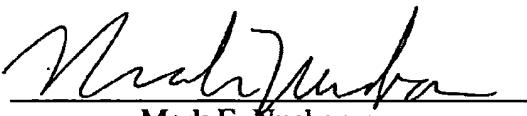
In response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2004, holding the subject matter of the invention relating to Figure 12 (claims 1-12 and 14-25) to be patentably distinct from that of the invention relating to Figure 13 (claims 1-12 and 14-25), Applicants hereby elect the invention of Figure 12 (claims 1-12 and 14-25) for further substantive examination.

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This election is made without traverse. The applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that the restricted groups of claims are patentably distinct (*i.e.*, inter alia, nonobvious from each other under 35 U.S.C. §103).

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